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REMARKS

Claim 13 has been amended to obviate the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Support for the amendment can be found at page 3, lines 18-20 of the specification.

Claims 5-11 have been allowed. Claim 4 is cancelled and the limitations thereof have been added to Claim 1. As Claim 4 was indicated to be allowable, the rejection of Claims 1-3 and 12-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is believed to be obviated. The claims are now in condition for allowance and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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